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**TENNESSEE PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR RECIPROCAL BULLETIN - October 22, 2013**

**Special Information for Private Investigator Licensees Reciprocal "License Recognition" Agreements with Other States**

The Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission has entered into Private Investigator license recognition agreements with the following states: Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, and has entered into "Reciprocal Licensing Agreements" with Arkansas and Kentucky. The "**LIMITED LICENSE RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS**" currently in place with these states provides for the following investigative activities:

A resident or a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other similar business entity of Tennessee or {Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, or Virginia} who is currently licensed as a private investigator or private investigative agency by his/her/its state of residence, may be granted a limited licensure exemption from the licensing requirements of the reciprocating state.

The licensure exemption is only available to:

1. Private investigators or private investigative agencies who is/are licensed by the reciprocating state and whose license(s) is/are in good standing with the reciprocating state.

Private investigators or private investigative agencies whose license(s) has/have been suspended or revoked for law or rule violations in any state shall not be eligible for license recognition for ten (10) years from the effective date of the suspension or revocation.

2. Private investigators and private investigative agencies, qualified per paragraph one (1) above, may enter the reciprocating state to conduct private investigations only if the investigation originated in their home state. Furthermore, investigation in the reciprocating state is limited to fifteen (15) days per agency per case per year. Investigations exceeding fifteen (15) days must be handled by a licensed private investigation agency in the reciprocating state. The exemption does not authorize private investigators or private investigative agencies to solicit private investigative business in the reciprocating state or to conduct private investigative business in the reciprocating state other than as specifically stated in this paragraph.

**FURTHERMORE**, the parties agree that:

All individuals exempted under this agreement be affiliated with a properly licensed investigative agency.

- a. An irrevocable consent that service of process, in any complaint or disciplinary action filed against the investigator arising out of the investigator's activities in the reciprocating state may be made by delivery of such process on the administrator of the private investigation regulatory agency in his/her/its state of residence. In addition, the private investigator or private investigative agency consents to the jurisdiction of the reciprocating state should a complaint or disciplinary action in the reciprocating state be filed.

**We do not have a "limited license recognition" agreement, as those previously described, with the State of Arkansas and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Information regarding Tennessee's reciprocal agreements with Arkansas and Kentucky follows:**

The Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission has in place RECIPROCAL PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR LICENSE AGREEMENTS with the State of Arkansas and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**ARKANSAS** The "**RECIPROCAL LICENSE AGREEMENT**" between the Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission and the State of Arkansas provides that a resident, or a sole proprietor, partnership, corporation or other similar business entity of Arkansas, or Tennessee, currently *licensed through examination* as a private investigator or private investigation company by his/her/its state of residence, may be granted an exemption from the examination and fingerprint requirements of the reciprocating state, contingent upon the filing of an application for licensure with the reciprocating state, with the appropriate fees, which is accompanied by a document from the state of residential licensure that attests that the applicant is and has been a licensed or registered private investigator or private investigation company in good standing in his/her/its state of residence for the immediate past two (2) consecutive years.

**KENTUCKY** The "**RECIPROCAL LICENSE AGREEMENT**" between the Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission and the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides that a resident, or a sole proprietor, partnership, corporation or other similar business entity of Kentucky, or Tennessee, currently *licensed through examination or otherwise* as a private investigator or private investigation company by his/her/its state of residence, may be granted an exemption from the examination and fingerprint requirements of the reciprocating state, contingent upon the filing of an application for licensure with the reciprocating state, with the appropriate fees, which is accompanied by a document from the state of residential licensure that attests that the applicant is and has been a licensed or registered private investigator or private investigation company in good standing in his/her/its state of residence for the immediate past two (2) consecutive years.

Such application(s) must also be accompanied by the following:

1. A statement from the applicant attesting that they have read, and agree to comply with, all provisions of the rules and regulations governing private investigators and private investigation companies in the state to which application is being made.
2. Notice that the applicant agrees to cooperate with any investigation initiated by that agency.
3. An irrevocable consent to service of process for any complaint or disciplinary action filed against them by that state must be completed.
4. And, the applicant must submit a statement to the effect that the applicant's private investigator or private investigation company has not been suspended and/or revoked within a period of ten (10) years immediately preceding the application date.

All private investigator reciprocal licensees must be affiliated with a licensed private investigation company, and must maintain compliance with the requisite continuing professional education requirements.

#### State Contact Information

Arkansas	501.618.8600	<a href="http://asp.arkansas.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/">http://asp.arkansas.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/</a>
Florida	850.245.5691	<a href="http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Licensing/Business-Services/Private-Investigation/Private-Investigation-Licenses/">http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Licensing/Business-Services/Private-Investigation/Private-Investigation-Licenses/</a>
Georgia	478.207.2440	<a href="http://sos.ga.gov/plb/detective/">http://sos.ga.gov/plb/detective/</a>
Kentucky	502.564.3296	<a href="http://www.kpi.ky.gov/">http://www.kpi.ky.gov/</a>
Louisiana	225.763.3556	<a href="http://www.lsbpie.com/">http://www.lsbpie.com/</a>
North Carolina	919.788.5320	<a href="http://www.ncdoj.gov">http://www.ncdoj.gov</a>
Virginia	804.786.4700	<a href="http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/pss/">http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/pss/</a>